Remarks

Claims 1-31 and 33-46 stand rejected. No claims have been amended. Applicants assert that the currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

102 Rejections

Claims 1-2, 8-11, 15-19, 22-26, 29-31, 33-34, 35-37 and 40-46 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Park (US Pat. 6,596,031). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 1-2, 8-11, 15-19, 22-26, 29-31, 33-34, 35-37 and 40-46

The Office Action rejected independent claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, 42 and 45 in paragraph 3 by stating that Parks teaches all of their elements. The Examiner has demurred in explaining his rejections of independent claims 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, 42 and 45 relative to their respective claim language, opting instead to reject them all en masse based on his explanation of his rejection of claim 1. Applicants are unsure as to how to respond to arguments not made and assume that the Examiner, by implication, considers all the independent claims to be covering similar subject matter recited in claim 1 to be addressed en masse.

As such, claim 1 recites,

"a system for distributing one or more news stories to a reader, comprising:
a computer accessible to the reader, the computer having a display device viewable by the reader;
a web browser executing on the computer, the web browser having a graphical user interface;
a list of titles corresponding to the one or more news stories, the list appearing as a portion of a web page in the graphical user interface;
a selection device used by the reader to select one of the news stories to view;
a news story rendering application executing on the computer that uses a file associated with the title of the news story selected by the reader to access a news story rendering file that instructs the web browser how to display data in the graphical user interface, and to access a news story data file that contains the data associated with the news story, wherein the news story data file is rendered so that it is viewable in the graphical user interface in accordance with the instructions in the news story rendering file and the data in the news story data file".

Park fails to teach all of these elements.

In its rejections, the Office Action appears to equate the following items:

the "computer accessible to the reader" is equated to HTTP Client 212;

the "graphical user interface executing on the computer " is equated to the Screen 240; and

the news story rendering application is equated to Parser 224.

Parks teaches that the graphical user interface 240 is displayed by NSML viewer 206. (Col. 8, ln. 30-35). Park does not teach that the graphical user interface is displayed on the computer with a display device available to the user which the Examiner expressly equates to HTTP Client 212. The computer can not be the NSML viewer 206 since the claimed computer is executing a web browser and Parks seems to teach that the NSML viewer is not.

Further, Park teaches that an input file 220 is either created on text editor 203 or is imported from the HTTP Client 212 and is then analyzed and formatted into NSML based on elements and identifiers according to a NSML document type definition. The file is then outputted to NSML viewer 209 or teleprompter 210 via interpreter 227. (Col. 7, ln. 63-Col. 8, ln. 12; Fig. 2A Fig. 2B). Park does not teach that the news story data file is rendered viewable on the HTTP computer 212 with a display device available to the user which the Examiner equates to graphical user interface 240 which is resident on HTTP Client 212.

Furthermore, Park teaches the creation and a sequential processing of a single news input file from HTTP into NSML to be viewed on a NSML Viewer 209 or a teleprompter 210. The news input file is analyzed on and formatted by a parser 224 that merely checks the format and structure of the news input file prior to viewing (Col 7, ln. 60-Col.8, ln.13) on the NSML viewer 209 or teleprompter (Fig. 2A). The parser 224 is not a rendering application that uses a file associated with the title news story (i.e. a file that is not the news story file) to access a news story rendering file that instructs a web browser how to display data in the graphical user interface 240 (executing on HTTP Client 212) and to access a news story data file so that it is rendered viewable in the graphical user interface 240 (executing on HTTP Client 212) in accordance with the rendering file instructions and the data in the news story data file. The Parser 244 merely

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performs a quality assurance function for structure and format of a news file selected by the user and directed to it by other components. (Col. 7, l55-Col. 8, l. 20). The parser 224 is not using a file associated with the new story to access the news story. Neither is the parser using a file associated with the title of the news story accessing a news story rendering file. Therefore, for at least the above reasons, Parks fails to teach all of the elements of independent claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, 42 and 45.

Claims 8-14 and 42-44

The Office Action fails to present any specific argument as to the rejections for claims 8-14 and 42-44. However, Independent claims 8 and 42 recite similar elements to those recited in claim 1 not disclosed in Parks, with claim 8 reciting a method and claim 42 reciting a computer readable medium. In pertinent part, and as a representative example, independent claim 8 recites

"a method for distributing one or more news stories to a reader ...identifying a file comprising rendering information for the selected news story, the rendering information including a link to a rendering file, determining the location of a data file comprising news story data for the selected news story from the rendering information and rendering the news story of the data file to the reader in the web browser in accordance with the rendering file using the news story data".

As discussed in relation to claim 1, the parser 224 does not use a file associated with the new story to access the news story. Neither is the parser using a file associated with the title of the news story accessing a news story rendering file. For at least these reasons independent claims 8 and 42 are allowable over Parks. Claims 9-14 and 43-44 depend from allowable independent claims 8 and 42 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 22-31, 33-34, 36-37, 41 and 45-46

As discussed above, the Office Action fails to present any specific argument as to the rejections for claims 22-31, 33-34, 36-37, 41 and 45-46. However, Independent claims 22, 29 and 45 recite similar elements not disclosed in Parks. As a representative sample, independent claim 22 recites

"a method for distributing news and other information in an information data file …obtaining approval for the information data file, transferring the information data file to a staging area, rolling out the information data file to a news feed area, along with a view file comprising rendering instructions, storing a link to the view file in a link data file…".

A careful reading of Parks fails to disclose any of the above recitations and the office action makes no cogent argument that it does. Parks does not disclose, for example, rolling out the information data file to a news feed area along with a view file. For at least this reason independent claims 22, 29 and 45 are allowable over Parks. Claims 23-28, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37, 41 and 46 depend from allowable independent claims 22, 29 and 45 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 15-21, 35 and 38-40

The Office Action fails to present any specific argument as to the rejections for claims 15-21, 35 and 38-40. However, Independent claims 15 and 35 recite similar elements not disclosed in Parks. As a representative sample, independent claim 15 recites,

"a system for distributing news and other information in an information data file… the web browser having a link to a data file, the link data file comprising a link to a view file, the view file comprising rendering instructions for rendering the information data file on the second display, …".

A careful reading of Parks fails to disclose any of the above recitations and the Office Action fails to make any cogent arguments that it does. Parks is concerned with formatting a news story in a particular formatting language for the control of studio equipment and viewing by a teleprompter not publishing news story data files over a network to third party consumers. Park discloses the processing of an HTML file through a Parser to convert to a NSML language and the display of the file on a teleprompter 210 or an NSML viewer 209 GUI 240. Parks does not disclose, for example, using a view file to render the data file on a second display using a web browser. For at least this reason independent claims 15 and 35 are allowable over Parks. Claims 16-21, and 39-40 depend from allowable independent claims 15 and 35 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Therefore, for at least all of the above reasons independent claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, 42 and 45 are allowable over Parks. Dependent claims 2-7, 9-14, 16-21, 23-28, 30-31, 33-34, 36-41, 43-44 and 46 depend from allowable independent claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 35, 42 and 45 and are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

103 Rejections

Claims 3-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and 38-39 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Parks in view of Dave Winer, "Scripting News 2.0b1," http://my.userland.com/stories/storyReader$11 (hereinafter "Dave"). Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parks in view of Anuff (US Pat. 6,327,628). The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.
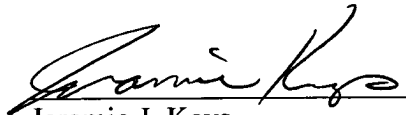
As noted above for the §102 rejections, claims 3-7, 12-14, 20-21, 27-28, and 38-39 which have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) also depend from allowable claims 1, 8, 15, 22 and 35 and are allowable over the combination of Park in view of either Anuff or Dave for the same reasons.

Conclusion

Claims 1-31 and 33-46 are pending and stand rejected. Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the remarks above and further request that a notice of allowability be provided. No additional fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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